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Magalie Roman Salas, Esquire Secretary Federal Communications Commission Room 222 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554



Dear Ms. Salas,

Enclosed is an original and four copies of a Petition for Rule Making to amend the FM table of allotments for a new FM broadcast station for Sutherland, Nebraska.

Sincerely,

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In the matter of: Amendment of Section 73.202 (b) Table of Allotments (Sutherland, Nebraska)

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

In this petition, Mountain West Broadcasting is hereby requesting to allot channel 264C1 (100.7 Mhz) to Sutherland, Nebraska as its first local FM allotment.

INTRODUCTION

1. This statement is a petition for rule making to allot FM channel 264C1 (100.7 Mhz) to Sutherland, Nebraska and add it to the Commission's FM table of allotments, 73.202. The following will show the need for an FM channel and the effects the allotment of Channel 264C1 to Sutherland will have.

DISCUSSION

2. Sutherland is located in Central Nebraska. It is also located within Lincoln County, a county of some 32,508 persons. Sutherland has a population of 1,317 persons in accordance with the U.S. 1990 census.

3. The allotment of channel 264C1 to Sutherland will provide the first local broadcast facility to the community and/or the surrounding area. The closest FM allotment to Sutherland is located at Ogallala, Nebraska. Ogallala is located 21 kilometers from Sutherland.

It is obvious that from the above spacing that Sutherland is presently without local FM service.

- 4. Sutherland would greatly benefit from an FM allotment due to the fact there is no AM or FM broadcast facilities within 21 Kilometers of Sutherland. Because of this, it would have an outlet for local self expression. Health and safety for the community would be increased due to having a local communications outlet for warning the Sutherland area of emergency conditions caused by severe weather or other health hazards.
- 5. Channel 264C1 can be allotted to Sutherland and meet all rules and requirements of the Commission. The instant proposal will not cause a change in the channel number or a deletion of any channel now appearing in the Commission's table of allotments 73.202.

	<u>Present</u>	Proposed
Sutherland. Nebraska	NET TREATMENT AND AND	264C1

6. In accordance with 73.207 of the Commission's rules, "Minimum Distance Separations between Stations", all allotments on Channel 264C1 and the pertinent adjacent channels to 264C1 have been studied with the results listed in Figure 1 of this petition. The geographic coordinates used for the spacing

Study (N 41 - 09' - 30", W. 101 - 07' - 36") are that of a site located within the community of Sutherland. No site restriction will be required to allot channel 264C1 to Sutherland. Many suitable transmitter sites are available to provide city grade coverage (3.16 mv/m or 70 dbu) to the entire community of Sutherland. These sites would also provide full minimum spacing requirements to other allotments.

CONCLUSION

- 7. It has been shown that Sutherland would benefit from the allotment of channel 264C1. It has also been shown that channel 264C1 can be allotted to Ravenna and meet all rules regarding spacing from other stations. Considering these two facts, Mountain West Broadcasting hereby requests that the Federal Communications Commission institute a Rule Making proceeding to amend the Table of Allotments to include channel 264C1 for Sutherland, Nebraska, 73.202.
- 8. Should channel 264C1 be allotted to Sutherland, I certify that I will file an application for a Construction Permit to operate an FM station for Sutherland, Nebraska.

CERTIFICATION

9. I certify that I have prepared or directly supervised the preparation of this entire Petition for Rule Making, and that the facts contained within are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, accurate and true.

Dated:

March 22, 1999

Respectfully submitted,

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MAPFM search of channel 264C1 (100.7 MHz), at N. 41 9 30, W. 101 7 36.

Searchi	ng Channel	264C1	(100.7	MH2	2):						
CALL	CITY			ST	CHN	CL	S	DIST	SEPN	BRNG	CLEARANCE
K210BJ	Holyoke			CO	210	D	L	126.2	0.0	235.5°	126.2
K210CB	Broken Bow			NE	210	D	L	120.9	0.0	75.1°	120.9
ALC	Kimball			NE	261	Α	U	213.0	74.0	272.8°	139.0
KBFZ	Kimball			NE	261	A	C	201.7	74.0	271.1°	127.7
ALC	Colby			KS	262	C1	U	187.2	82.0	174.3°	105.2
KQLS (Colby			KS	262	Cl	L	187.2	82.0	174.3°	105.2
ALC :	Pueblo			CO	264	C	U	407.9	270.0	225.5°	137.9
KGFT :	Pueblo			CO	264	С	L	416.6	270.0	230.0°	146.6
ALC	Hoisington			KS	264	C1	U	353.4	245.0	145.1°	108.4
KHOK	Hoisington			KS	264	C1	\mathbf{L}	353.4	245.0	145.1°	108.4
ALC	Omaha			NE	264	C	U	425.2	270.0	91.7°	155.2
KGBIFM	Omaha			NE	264	C	L	414.6	270.0	91.6°	144.6
ALC :	Mission			SD	264	A	V	241.8	196.0	9.2°	45.8
ALC	Cheyenne			WY	264	C1	U	325.9	245.0	268.9°	80.9
KOLZ	Cheyenne			WY	264	C1	L	325.9	245.0	268.9°	80.9
KOLZ	Cheyenne			WY	264	C1	L	325.9	245.0	268.9°	80.9
ALC	Yuma			CO	265	C3	U	188.2	144.0	227.3°	44.2
KNEC	Yuma			CO	265	C3	С	188.2	144.0	227.3°	44.2
ALC	Oberlin			KS	266	C1	U	153.3	82.0	164.8°	71.3
KFNF	Oberlin			KS	266	C1	\mathbf{L}	153.3	82.0	164.8°	71.3
	Bridgeport			NE	267	C	U	206.1	105.0	288.2°	101.1
KAWQ	Bridgeport			NE	267	С	С	133.6	105.0	282.1°	28.6

FIGURE 1
CHANNEL SPACING STUDY
SUTHERLAND, NEBRASKA
MOUNTAIN WEST BROADCASTING